

REMOTELY INITIATED SURVEILLANCE

Abstract:

5 In the method disclosed, a mobile terminal subscriber can seize control of and direct surveillance equipment to focus in on an identified area. The mobile terminal subscriber initiates the surveillance process by selecting a "surveillance" option from a menu, or by entering a code. The area placed under surveillance is the location of the subscriber's mobile terminal or a remote area identified by the subscriber. Where
10 the area under surveillance is the location of the mobile terminal, the area can be identified by using location technology such as global satellite positioning signals or signals generated by the wireless network to obtain the coordinates of the mobile terminal. Knowing the coordinates of the area that is designated to be under surveillance and the location of the surveillance equipment (e.g., latitude, longitude
15 and altitude), the selection and orientation of the selected surveillance equipment, i. e., a video surveillance camera located proximate the area can be oriented to focus in on the area. If desired, the subscriber can talk to an attendant observing the activity on a video consul. The area can remain under surveillance for a set time period or until terminated by the mobile terminal subscriber or the attendant. The activity under
20 surveillance can be identified and recorded when conditions suggest that it is appropriate to do so.